

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES

EMS File 00-024B

vs.

THOMAS P. HEANEY, JR.

**ORDER**

Pursuant to Chapter 23-4.1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as Amended and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter ("Department")), has investigated a complaint charging Thomas P. Heaney, Jr., EMT-P (hereinafter "Respondent"), with a violation of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services (R23-4.1-EMS).

After careful consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

- 1) Respondent is an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic licensed to practice emergency medical services in the State of Rhode Island.
- 2) That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed by the Cumberland Rescue Service, Cumberland, Rhode Island.
- 3) That on or about March 29, 2000, Respondent failed to initiate treatment pursuant to the Impaired Consciousness Protocol of the Rhode Island Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders when rendering care to patient A who presented with signs and symptoms consistent with the Impaired Consciousness Protocol.

- 4) Respondent's documentation of this incident on the Rhode Island EMS Ambulance Run Report was incomplete.
- 5) That on or about June 12, 2000, Respondent submitted inaccurate information with the Department during the investigation of this incident.
- 6) That the conduct described in paragraphs three (3), four (4) and five (5) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Section 16.1 (e) of the Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services (R23-4.1-EMS).

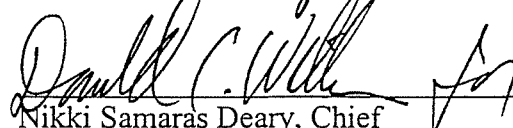
Based on the foregoing, the Department enters the following Order:

1. That Respondent shall receive a written reprimand for his actions in this matter.
2. That Respondent shall serve at least a twelve (12) month period of probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Order.
3. That said probationary period shall commence upon execution of the Order and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed and/or performs volunteer services as an Emergency Medical Technician.
4. That during the period of probation should Respondent fail to comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 and/or the "Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services", or any of the terms of this Order, the Department shall initiate appropriate action with respect to Respondent's licensure status.
5. That during the period of probation, Respondent's employers, including the Chief of the licensed Ambulance Service for which he is employed and/or serves as a volunteer, shall submit to the Department reports every six (6) months relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have his employers submit said reports.

6. That during the period of probation should Respondent change employment and/or volunteer service, he shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new employers and/or licensed ambulance service and the reason for the change in employment.
7. That a copy of this Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.
8. That this Order shall obviate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Order.
9. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of emergency medical services during the twelve (12) month period of probation and comply with the requirements of this Order, he may apply to the Department for relief from the probation.
10. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of emergency medical services and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Order, his license as an Emergency Medical Technician shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.
11. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Department.

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 13th day of August 2002.

Dated: 8/13/02

  
Nikki Samaras Deary, Chief  
Health Professions Regulation